USCG Update: 21st Century Seapower

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Today's U.S. Coast Guard in Brief

- **Nation's 5th and smallest Armed Service:**
  - **40K +/- Active Duty;**
  - **World's largest coast guard, 12th largest navy (by number of vessels), 7th largest naval air force ;**
  - **Has fought in every war since 1790.**
- **Part of Department of Homeland Security:**
  - **Same rank, pay, entitlements and UCMJ status as DoD Forces;**
  - **Part of Navy in time of war, most recently in WWII.**
- **Military at all times, but also has an extensive interagency role.**
- **Law enforcement & regulatory functions in addition to warfighting.**
- **Multi-mission: Virtually all platforms and people:**
  - **Great flexibility & surge capability but trade-offs in depth.**

U.S. Coast Guard Origins

- ***1790*** **- Revenue Cutter Service founded to enforce customs laws & prevent smuggling**

- ***1915*** **- Life Saving Service & Revenue Cutter Service combine to form the Coast Guard**

- ***1939*** **- U.S. Lighthouse Service transferred to the Coast Guard**

- ***1942*** **- U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service transferred to the Coast Guard**

Today's U.S. Coast Guard

40K Active Duty
7K Civilians
8K Reservists
30K Auxiliarists

Core values: Honor, Respect & Devotion to Duty

Coast Guard Mottos

The Law on the Sea

Shield of Freedom

The Rescue Experts

Small Service – Big Job

Semper Paratus-Always Ready

Jobs that matter

An Armed Force and More

A Unique Instrument of National Security

The Lifesavers

Guardians of the Sea

Today's U.S. Coast Guard – Special Mission Teams

- **Port Security Units (PSU) - OCONUS**
- **Marine Safety and Security Teams (MSST) – CONUS**
- **Tactical Law Enforcement Teams (TACLETS) - CONUS**
- **Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETS) – CONUS/OCONUS**
- **Marine Security Response Teams S/OCONUS**

US Coast Guard: Multi-Mission Maritime Interception Operations

Lead Federal Agency (LFA) for maritime drug interdiction.

- Seized & removed 337K lb cocaine ($9.7B) in FY 05.
- USCG LEDETS on board USN ships account for large percentage.
- USCG expertise useful for Senior Leadership, MIO, MPA and in support of Theatre Security Cooperation Programs (TSCP).

US Coast Guard- Multi-Mission

Migrant Interdiction

- Interdictions on rise- 9.4K in FY 05:
  DOMREP largest source, followed by Haiti & Cuba.
- Mass migration OPLANS include significant DoD participation, with USCG lead.

US Coast Guard: Multi-Mission Search and Rescue

- 30K cases per year;
- Save or assist 50K people annually;
- Recruiting draw

US Coast Guard: Multi-Mission
Protecting the Marine Environment

- **Lead Federal Agency (LFA) for Maritime Environmental Protection.**

- **1989 Exxon Valdez spill spurred major regulation changes that resulted in dramatic reduction in oil spills.**

- **USCG Strike teams provide deployable response capability.**

US Coast Guard- Multi-Mission

Aids to Navigation

- World's largest ATON system.
- Over 50,000 buoys, fixed markers, and lighthouses.
- Buoy Tenders are multi-mission; do SAR, MHLS, pollution response too.
- ATON support to IFCs in OIF, Ha

US Coast Guard- Multi-Mission

Icebreaking & Polar Operations

- Nat[illegible]ke[illegible]et;
- Polar Ops – historically for scientific research, future security patrol;
- Domestic ops, largely in Great Lakes & Northeast: Just 9 ships, but vital to commerce

US Coast Guard- Multi-Mission

Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response

- **Extensive interagency expertise stemming from cooperative efforts in SAR, law enforcement, port security & environmental protection roles.**

- **Long-established working relationships at local, state & federal levels.**

US Coast Guard: Multi-Mission

Homeland Security

- A mission since 1790. In forefront since 9/11.
- 361 ports and 95,000 miles of coastline to protect- a massive challenge.
- Changed priorities of operations, acquisition & training.
- Moderate growth in $ & end-strength.

Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower

USN, USMC and USCG Forces supporting National and Globa Security

Cooperative Strategy: **Expeditionary Warfare**

- **Patrol Boats – Coastal Sea Control, MIO;**
- **Cutters – CSG/ESG ops;**
- **Port Security Units & MSSTs – ATFP, GOPLAT protection, opposed boardings (MSSTs);**
- **LEDETS/Boarding teams- MIO;**
- **Buoy tenders- waterway reopening;**
- **Environmental**

Cooperative Strategy: **National Special Security Events**

- **National Special Security Events (NSSE):**
  - **Inauguration, Olympics, Super Bowl, national political conventions, etc.**
  - **DoD Support to Civil Authorities;**
  - **USCG often maritime lead**
  - **USCG Airborne Use of Forc**

Cooperative Strategy: **Peacetime Support to Regional CCs**

- **International Engagement & Training in support of TSCPs;**
- **Port Security Units- ATFP;**
- **Maritime Interception Operations- Cutters, LED**

Request for Forces

Multiple Paths for CC to request Coast Guard forces:

For NORTHCOM: standing reciprocal agreement with USCG to obtain/provide forces:

- For a period of limited duration;
- When time is of the essence;
- When required to respond to a homeland defense or homeland security event.

REQUEST FOR FORCES

Standing agreement: USCG pledges180 cutter days annually to PACOM and 180 cutter days to EUCOM. Days “shared” w/ other CCs as needed.

Standing agreement: USCG is committed to developing & maintaining specific capabilities (coastal sea control, MIO, port security, military environmental response & general defense ops) to augment DOD forces when needed.

Informally: USCG forces routinely work w/ NORTHCOM, PACOM and SOUTHCOM forces in ad hoc arrangements when missions intersect.

Summary

The U.S. Coast Guard…

- **Military -- Maritime -- Multi-mission.**
- **Only Armed Service with law enforcement powers.**
- **Military at all times, but a highly effective interagency player.**
- **Strongly focused on the Homeland Security mission, and experiencing a change in Service culture as a result.**
- **Capabilities complement USN and USMC services: valuable to the JFC but limited in combat power.**

Questions